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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT -PARA 2 SUB PARA (C) LINE 4)

DEPT. FOR DASS, AF, AND A/SY/OPS/FO/AF FROM RSS

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION--LUSAKA

REF: A) LUSAKA 2277, B) STATE 178396

1. HAVE COMPLETED ON-SITE INSPECTION/DISCUSSION IN LUSAKA.
2. BASED ON THREAT OUTLINED REFTEL A, POST IS RESPONDING
AS FOLLOWS:

(A) INSTALLING HEAVY IRON GRILLS ON WINDOWS, GLASS DOORS
AND OTHER OPENINGS AT ALL RESIDENCES EXCEPT TWO APARTMENTS
LOCATED ON CHANCERY COMPOUND. PROJECT NOT YET COMPLETED,
BUT IN PROGRESS.

(B) INSTALLING INTRUSION ALARM SYSTEMS FOR ALL RESIDENCES.
MOST POPULAR MODEL CONSISTS OF STRAINED CABLE AT VULNERABLE
POINTS (DOORS AND WINDOWS) WHICH WOULD DETECT INTRUDERS
PRIOR TO PROTECTION PROVIDED BY IRON GRILLS WHICH ARE
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INSTALLED INSIDE THE SENSING UNITS. THERE ARE ALSO
CONTACT ALARMS ON DOORS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

(C) MONITORS FOR THE ABOVE SENSORS ARE OF SEVERAL
TYPES, BUT MOST USED HAS BEEN A UNIT MANUFACTURED BY
ELECTRONIC ASSOCIATES, A DIV. OF CHUBB. MONITORING UNITS ALL
HAVE BACK-UP BATTERY POWER. SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY

TRESTED BY TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS FROM NAIROBI
AND RETESTED BY RSS.

(D) ALL RESIDENCES ARE EQUIPPED WITH VHF VOICE RADIO
COMMUNICATIONS WHICH IS TESTED WEEKLY.

(E) ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN RECENTLY BRIEFED AND
ALERTED TO POSSIBLE DANGER AREAS OF CITY AND SURROUNDING
SUBURBS.

(F) WITH BOTH RADIO AND TELEPHONE CAPABILITY, PLANS
HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR EMPLOYEES IN TROUBLE TO CONTACT
OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO WILL RESPOND BY CALLING THE POLICE,
OR MORE PROBABLE, PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR POLICE
TO RESPOND AT THE SCENE. (WHILE POLICE ARE RELATIVELY
RESPONSIVE, THEY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT VEHICLES.)

(G) MAPS OF ALL RESIDENCES AND POLICE PRECINCTS HAVE
BEEN PREPARED AND ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, SOME OF THE RESIDENCES
AHVE SAFEROOMS WITH IRON GRILLS OR REINFORCED DOORS.

4. THEFT OF AUTOMOBILES HAS REACHED ALARMING PRO-
PORTIONS IN LUSAKA, INCLUDING THEFT OF POST VEHICLES.
RSO NAIROBI IS PROVIDING REDEX AUTO ALARM KITS FOR
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OFFICIAL VEHICLES AS WELL AS POVS TO EXTENT STOCKS
WILL ALLOW.

5. THE CONTINUING ECONOMIC DETERIORATION AND
PRESENCE OF MORE AND MORE AMRED "FREEDOM FIGHTERS"
AND "OTHERS" WHO CAN EASILY OBTAIN WEAPONS, WOULD
INDICATE THE SITUATION WILL ONLY WORSEN.

6. LOCAL GUARDS AT RESIDENCES APPEAR REASONABLY
ALERT, HOWEVER, WE ARE EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY
OF EQUIPPING THEM WITH RF REMOTE CONTROL UNITS TO
ACTIVATE AN ALARM SINCE THERE IS EVIDENCE OF ARMED
ROBBERY ATTEMPTS AT THE MOMENT RESIDENTS RETURN TO
THEIR HOMES THUS DEFEATING INTERNAL ALARM SYSEM
AND GRILLWORK.

7. WITH MEMORY OF THE RECENT KATANGA INVASION UP
NORTH AND SITUATION ON RHODESIAN BORDER TO THE SOUTH,
COUPLED WITH THE ABOVE PROBLEMS LEADS US TO CONCLUDE
THAT A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL SECURITY OFFICER LOCATED IN
LUSAKA WOULD BE SMART BUSINESS AND WARRANTED, DESPITE
THE FACT THAT POST OFFICIALS ARE ADEQUATELY RESPONDING

TO THE CURRENT THREAT. THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE CHARGE BY RSS AND RSO OUTLINING THE ASSISTANCE THAT COULD BE PROVIDED ON A CONTINUING BASIS. NO "FOR OR AGAINST" COMMITMENT WAS MADE BY THE CHARGE, AND NONE WAS REQUESTED, SINCE DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE AMBASSADOR.

8. SINCE AMBASSADOR LOW IS CURRENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY, RSS PROPOSES TO FORWARD RESULTS OF INSPECTION TO THE AMBASSADOR VIA LETTER RECOMMENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN RSO POSITION. EVEN SO, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY AT POST AS WELL AS CONSTANT TDYERS, WOULD INDICATE NOT MORE THAN A 50 PERCENT CHANCE FOR APPROVAL. IF ADDRESSEES HAVE COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR PROPOSED LETTER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RSS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS.

9. POST HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN ARRIVING AT A SOLUTION FOR INSTALLING THE WTMD DUE TO SMALL SIZE OF LOBBY. DURING INSPECTION, RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THE DETECTOR AND SCREENING AREA WITHOUT VIOLATING THE LOBBY OR AESTHETICS OF THE INSTALLATION. RECOMMENDATION WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY POST AND SHOULD ELIMINATE THIS LINGERING PROBLEM.

10. ON SUBJECT OF MINIMUM STANDARDS LUSAKA, POST RECENTLY NOTIFIED THAT LONG AWAITED LEXGUARD FOR MARINE BOOTH AND VISA COUNTER WAS SHIPPED BY THE DEPARTMENT VIA SURFACE. THIS IS REGRETTABLE, SINCE I UNDERSTAND POST REQUESTED AIR SHIPMENT.

11. REPORTS ON INSPECTION OF SY PROGRAM IN MOGADISCIO, DAR-ES-SALAAM, LILONGWE, AND BLANTYRE WILL FOLLOW SOONEST.
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